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SUBJECT: ACTIVITY IN REED BANK AREA

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN EMBOFF AND JOSE DE VENECIA, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF LANDOIL/BASIC RESOURCES AND PRESIDENT OF THE PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE QUESTION OF LANDOIL'S INTEREST IN WHITE EAGLE CONCESSIONS IN THE REED BANK AREA AROSE. DE VENECIA NOTED HIS FRIM IS ACTIVELY LIIKING FOR SEISMIC CONTRACTORS TO WORK THE AREA AND THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY USE A HONGKONG BASED U.S.-OWNED SURVEY VESSEL AS THEY HAVE FOR OTHER AREAS IN THE PAST.

2. AS AN APPROACH TO EXPOSING VIEWS SUGGESTED REF. B, EMBOFF SOLICITED DE VENECIA'S COMMENT ON THE VALIDITY OF THE CONCESSIONS THAT WERE OUTSIDE TREATY OF PARIS BOUNDARIES AND IN DISPUTED WATER. DE VENECIA SAID, QUOTE, THEY ARE CLEARLY WITHIN THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC LIMITS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED IN WORLD FORUMS, END-QUOTE, AND, QUOTE THE REED BANK AREA IS NOT THE SPRATLY

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ISLANDS ENDQUOTE. HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT HE CERTAINLY

HOPED THE U.S.G. WOULD NOT DISCOURAGE U.S. COMPANIES  
FROM OPERATING IN THE AREA. EMBOFF GAVE DE VENECIA THE  
GIST OF CURRENT U.S. THINKING AS OUTLINED REFTTEL.

3. COMMENT: JOSE DE VENECIA IS ONE OF LEADERS IN  
LOCAL PRIVATE OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITY AND HAS VERY  
GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE GOP PETROLEUM BOARD. HIS FIRM  
IS PRESENTLY IN TWO SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH CHAMPLIN, A  
U.S. COMPANY, IN WEST PALAWAN. ONE SITE IS BEING  
DRILLED NOW. END COMMENT.  
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